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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Robert J Mendoza

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 10-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Horan (USPN 6,220,596).

Horan, in FIGS. 1-3, col. 1:49-67 and col. 2:1-67, discloses a method for implementing a bonus game on an electronic gaming machine, the method comprising the steps of receiving a player wager on the gaming machine for a bonus game, said gaming machine being provided with a bonus game having multiple B-I-N-G-O cards, each card including five columns that are each associated with a particular B-I-N-G-O letter, and a plurality of spaces with each space corresponding to a respective column on a respective card. Horan, in FIGS. 1-3, col. 1:49-67, col. 2:1-67 and col. 3:1-67, discloses detecting if said player wager on said bonus game is a maximum bet wager; responsive to the detection of the maximum bet wager, selecting one of the plurality of spaces on the bonus game. Horan, in FIGS. 1-3, col. 1:49-67, col. 2:1-67, col. 3:1-67 and col. 4:11-67, discloses lighting the columns associated with the selected spaces in sequential order in a respective one of the multiple B-I-N-G-O cards to form a completed B-I-N-G-O card; and awarding a bonus prize for the completed B-I-N-G-O card. Horan, in FIGS. 1-3, col. 3:1-67, col. 4:11-67 and col. 5:1-50, discloses ordering the columns of each card into the following sequential order: B, I, N, G, O; lighting a column associated with and

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responsive to the step of selecting one of the selected spaces only if the column is associated with a B or if a prior column in the sequential order has already been lighted, otherwise not lighting the previously unlighted column. Horan, in FIGS. 1-3, col. 3:1-67, col. 4:11-67, col. 5:1-50 and col. 6:1-67, discloses including the step of providing a mystery space that corresponds to more than one of the multiple B-I-N-G-O cards. Horan, in FIGS. 1-3, col. 3:1-67, col. 4:11-67, col. 5:1-50 and col. 6:1-67, discloses including the step of awarding a bonus prize for more than one completed B-I-N-G-O card when the mystery space is selected at the same time that the G column is lighted on more than one B-I-N-G-O card. Horan, in FIGS. 1-3, col. 3:1-67, col. 4:11-67, col. 5:1-50 and col. 6:1-67, discloses including the step of building a bonus script at the beginning of a bonus session, wherein the steps operate under control of the script, and wherein the step of awarding a bonus prize includes the step of selecting a bonus prize from a plurality of bonus prizes associated with the completed B-I-N-G-O card.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to R. Mendoza whose telephone number is (703) 305-7345. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the primary examiner, John Hotaling, can be reached at (703) 305-0780. The USPTO official fax number is (703) 872-9306.

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